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Par B for 9 October 1932

SUBJECT.

Re- for the Construction of a mosque Melkote

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Mr. Mackenzie.

(i) Reserves to give all possible Conveniences to the Muslim residents of Melkote for building a mosque after selecting a site sufficiently distant from the Temple and the main road

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Letter No 42/32-33 dated the 15th/19th Sept 1932 from the Mmzpsi Comm forwarding for orders a copy of a letter from the D/y Comr, Mpsse District, stating that no one has claimed and established his right over Mwanicipal site No 134, Mbkuke, for over 12 years, that it has all along been regarded as belonging to the Mwanicipality & that there is no other suitable site for the construction of a Mosque, Temple &c.

Reference - Paras 3, 4 and 5 of the Note on Mmzpsi File No 319 31 Sl. 1 & 2, Post ante Letter Ended for orders

C.L. Mbo

21/9/32

Kind repe is invited to the Secy's note & the Instr Members orders at para nos 3, 4 and 5 of the Note in repe Colonl Mmz File No 319-32 of 1931 post up below. It is for orders in the cases now explained whether the Mbo's recommendation should

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In his letter dt 16/19th May 32 may be approved.
24/9/32
(Mr Scurfield)
(P.R. 4(V))
In 2614
24/9/32

This proposal relates to the construction of a mosque in the town of Melkote on a site close to the Police Station there. Different opinions have been expressed in regard to the grant of this site. The Sub-Division Officer and the Deputy Commissioner recommend its grant. The Muzrai Commissioner, Mr. Hiriannaiya, supported this proposal in his letter dated 16th May 1932. The present Muzrai Commissioner, Mr. Rajagopalachari, has, however, submitted the case for the orders of Government. It will be seen from the Municipal Resolution dated 12th July 1931 (flag E) that the majority of the members have expressed the opinion that Government might ascertain the vews of the townspeople and then decide whether the site might be granted. Three members have expressed the view that the site might be granted for this purpose subject to the condition that sufficient guarantees are obtained from the Muslims to the effect that there will be no interference with processions or with public peace. There is a difference of opinion amongst the townspeople also, vide Mahazars flagged M and L. A large number of Brahmins and also some non-Brahmins are not in favour of

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of the grant; while a few of the latter have stated that the site might be given subject to sufficient guarantees about permitting processions with music. The Muslim applicants are agreeable to the conditions proposed. Melkote has had some special religious traditions and it may not be advisable to permit a mosque to be erected where temple processions pass. Any opposition to the construction of a mosque cannot strictly be defended, but it is advisable to avoid situations which might even remotely cause communal conflicts. It is difficult to understand that there is no other suitable site at all for the constructions of a mosque in Melkote. It would be well if the local authorities used their good offices and selected another suitable site and gave the Muslim residents of the town all reasonable conveniences for the building of a mosque.

Mirza
25/9/32

DEWAN.)

I am inclined to agree with the Hon'ble Minister. It is desirable to have no religious institution belonging to non-Hindu Community, be it even a Musafirkhana, on the main road which is frequently used for taking the Hindu gods in procession. As the Hon'ble Minister has so rightly observed, we must avoid creating any possible source of friction misunderstanding between Communities.

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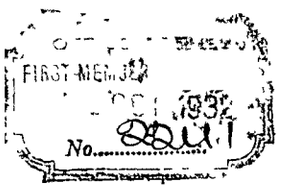

Surely it might be possible to find a site sufficiently distant from the Temple main road. I hope so
The Well possesses a special sanctity in the eyes of the Hindus. The Madras Government do nothing to hurt the latters' susceptibilities in any way. It is believed may go without a single man have one in despair of what appear these, very grave understandable objections.

M J
5-10-32

(First Member)

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12/10/32

Draft Order for consideration
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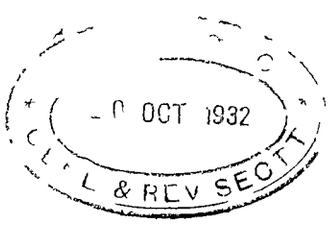
Draft for approval
19/10/32

(For Secy)



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Letter No 609 dated the 20th Dec 1932 to the Inspector General requesting, for permission, that some other suitable officer, distant from the temples & the main road, might be selected for the construction of a mosque at Mettupalayam and the Muslim [illegible] in the Station [illegible] Committee

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OFFICE OF THE MUZRAI COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

Dated, Bangalore, 19th September 1932.

FROM S. P. RAJAGOPALACHARI, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
[redacted],
Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

To

S. Shadaksharappa, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.
Financial Department. 20/9/32

GENL. & REV. SECRETARIAT
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21. SEP. 1932
MUZRAI.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No. 1037 [illegible] dated 17/xx-xx
suggesting the desirability of reducing [illegible] fixed to [illegible]
(other than municipal [illegible] on the Mysore Inam [illegible]
for the abandonment of [illegible] in the [illegible] Taluk,
I have the honor to forward herewith [illegible] orders on the file,
copy of letter No. [illegible] dated [illegible] from the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District, [illegible] and to state that [illegible]
his right over [illegible] and [illegible] in
regarded all [illegible] not [illegible] but [illegible]
as no other suitable [illegible].

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. Rajagopal

Muzrai Commissioner.

Letter No.H.780/30 dated 8-7-32 from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, to the Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore.

Construction of a mosque at Melkote.

With reference to your Memo No.R.Dis.173/31-32 dated 27th June 1932 regarding the grant of permission for the construction of a mosque at Melkote, I have the honor to state that after the death of Malu Meeta, the original khatedar of the site, during the year 1919, no one has come forward to claim it and it has all along been regarded as belonging to the Municipality. As none of the two persons referred to in the Amildar's report has established his alleged right over the site for over 12 years, they have lost their right to claim the site even if it should transpire that they have a title to it. As such, the condition suggested by the Amildar, namely that neither the Municipality nor the Government would be liable to compensate the owner if he should establish his claim in a Court of Law etc., is unnecessary.

It has already been stated that there is no other suitable site for the purpose near abouts. As the proposed grant of the site is intended for a religious and charitable object, I request that Government may kindly be moved to convey sanction to the recommendation already made in this office letter No.H.780/30 dated 19th April 1932.

The connected papers on the subject are retransmitted herewith.

"COPY"

For Muzrai Commissioner.

Confidential.

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20th October xxx 1932

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The Muzrai Commissioner in Mysore, Bangalore.

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No.42/32-33 dated the 19th September 1932 about the grant of permission for the construction of a mosque on municipal site No.134 of Melkote town, I am directed to state that Melkote has some special traditions, and it is not desirable to have any religious institution belonging to a non-hindu community, (be it even a musafirkhana) on the main road which is frequently used for taking Hindu Gods in procession, so as to avoid situations which might, even remotely, create any possible source of friction or mis-understanding between communities.

It is difficult to understand that there is no other suitable site at all for the construction of a mosque in Melkote. Government consider that it ought to be possible to select a site for the purpose, which is sufficiently distant from the temples and main road, and give the Muslim residents of the town all possible conveniences for the building of a mosque.

I am to request that further action as indicated above may kindly be taken in the matter.

P.T.O.

The records received with your letter under advertance are herewith returned.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B Muddhumallappa

for Financial Secretary to Government.

B.h.M.2

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SUBJECT ..... Contr deaths etc

Section Immigrn

File No. 84-32

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to 355

No. 609. Income file

To The Immigration Commr, Bangalore

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 28/10/32

Signed by ..... Mr B. Muddu Krishnappa

Sir,

with reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No 42/32-33 dated the ~~15th~~ 19th Sept 1932 about the grant of permission for the cancellation of a marriage on immigration file No 134 of Mudhalagiri, I am directed to state that Mudaliar has come to India

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religious traditions, and it is not desirable to have any religious institution belonging to a non-Hindu Community, (like it even a museum/khana) on the main road, which is frequently used for taking Hindu Gods in procession. It is as desirable to avoid situations which might, even remotely, cause create any possible source of friction or misunderstanding between Communities.

It is difficult to understand that there is no other suitable site at all for the Construction of a mosque in Melkote. Government considers that it ought to be possible to select a site for the

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purpose, ~~to protect~~ which is ~~a state~~ sufficiently distant from the Complex and the main road, and give the Muslim residents of the town all possible convenience for the holding of a Mazar.

The records received with your letter are returned herewith. ~~Please~~ Please let me know that further action ~~in this case~~ may be taken in the matter.

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